

From the Editors

This year began with a January that was not excessively hot, and while February has indeed been warm with temperatures consistently rising into the low thirties, the over-arching weather feature in Victoria has been the lack of rain. This summer 2012/13 must be one of the driest on record. We have had fires, both deliberately lit and naturally sparked, which have caused widespread havoc in some of our more natural bushland areas. But the bush is remarkable for its ability to renew itself after fires through regeneration. As long as fires occur infrequently we can expect to maintain the biodiversity of these areas.

At *The Victorian Naturalist* our year begins with a substantial issue of the Journal containing papers on a wide spectrum of subjects with species from the Animal Kingdom, both vertebrate and invertebrate, strongly represented. Also we pay tribute to and farewell Dorothy Mahler, a faithful servant of the Club.

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